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OVERT #193780

HIDALGO, BALMES N., JR. - OVERT AND COVERT #65007 - FATHER

HIDALGO IS A CURRENT EMPLOYEE, GS-11, ASSIGNED TO WH DIV. HE WAS ADVISED TO ENTER A HOSPITAL IN EARLY MARCH 1962. HIS CURRENT MEDICAL STATUS IS NOT SHOWN.

HIDALGO ASSISTED THE FBI AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY FROM AUGUST 1946 UNTIL MAY 1949 WHEN HE APPEARED AS A GOVERNMENT WITNESS AT THE TRIAL OF THE ELEVEN TOP CP LEADERS.

BEFORE HIS CONVERSION TO STAFF EMPLOYEE STATUS, HIDALGO WAS A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE. HE WAS GRANTED AN OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE FOR USE AS AN AGENT IN LATIN AMERICA IN DEC. 1951. HE WAS GRANTED A COVERT SECURITY CLEARANCE IN 1952 FOR USE AS A CONTRACT AGENT. FILES ATTACHED.



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